

BIG GUNS IN ACTION A GREAT SPECTACLE

Unconscious Heroes Serve the
Coast Batteries That Defy
Dreadnaughts.

DISREGARD OF DEATH IS EXHIBITED BY ALL

Men Become Almost Demons in
Their Mad Desire to Score a Hit
and Slay Others.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.
HONOLULU, March 22.—It takes the course of the highest order of courage in a fort under bombardment, especially when the bombardment is the work of a fleet armed with the latest of long range, large caliber guns, as has been the case here recently.

Owing to the fact that the fire of the allies has in nearly all cases been at long range, the Turks, who man the forts of the Dardanelles hereabouts, have been obliged to let a wiper withering cannonade go over their heads before having even the satisfaction of firing back, which is admitted to be a pleasant relief. The fact that their opponent has things more or less his own way produced in the men a strain which can only be eased with the order to open fire.

But with this order also comes a test of courage which only the best soldier can successfully stand. It means to delay the work of others. Seconds often are precious then, and the artilleryman is called upon to forget his own person, as an officer here aptly put it.

Magnificent Spectacle.

A heavy coast battery in action presents a magnificent spectacle. Unconsciously every man plays the part of a hero. Each second may be his last in life, for each instant may send into the position a mail large as the platform where the wheel monster he serves and tear the man himself to pieces.

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Loading the Gun.

One of the men on the floor of the emplacement wheels a large shell to the foot of the ammunition hoist, and looks the thing, carriage and all, to the hoist itself. It is carried into position, and the mail large as the platform where the wheel monster he serves and tear the man himself to pieces.

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Score a Hit.

It did! From the deck of a vessel rises an ugly mass of flame and black smoke. Through the battery reverberates noise from human throats—a shout, a cry of wild, superhuman joy that exceeds for a moment in overpowering even the war of air-cursing shells and the clatter of falling steel splinters.

It is a moment that has no equal in the gamut of sensations of the man of normal life. Here men expect to be killed and wish to kill; here men fight for blood because others are doing the same thing. What matter if the next moment will be the last? The sole desire is to inflict destruction on the enemy.

Responsibility rests everywhere—on the shoulders of every man. Efficiency means disaster to the enemy. The clumsy member of the crew finds himself suddenly kicked aside. Somebody else does his work better. The clumsy one thinks for a minute and recaptures his job—glad of the chance to get it back.

An enemy's shell hits the traverse in front of the piece—an intense flash, an air wave hotter than the fiercest steel furnace, an avalanche of foul vapor, a crash that seems to rock the earth and then a howling shrieking, whistling chorus of shell fragments fills the air. In a second the mass which has risen from the earth-work descends.

Result of Shell Explosion.

The men on the platform wipe the dirt from their eyes, and some the blood. One of them lies on the stone floor—dead or unconscious. Four strong hands seize his arms and legs and carry him to a casemate, where a surgeon is in waiting. On the platform of the gun a man is manipulating the handles that swing the piece up and down and sideways. It is lost! The officer on the observation post yells out to watch the muzzle. He puts a question—the gun is all right. A gain the shell is hoisted up, slammed down and loosed in the explosion. The sharp calling of orders, the sighting, the roar of the explosion, the flight of the projectile and the eager demand for the result a hit or a miss.

And when all is over the men sit down and catch their breath, physically and mentally. They come to remember that they are still alive and that they will be obliged to do it all over again.

CLEVELAND COMPANY GETS CONTRACT.

Societary tunnels has awarded the contract for a 150-ton floating crane for the Norfolk navy yard to the Wellman-Savner-Morgan Company of Cleveland, Ohio, at \$250,000. The bidders included four American firms, two Dutch and one German.

CITES CAUSES OF WAR AS VIEWED BY RUSSIA

Address by Minister of Foreign Affairs Is Summarized by Embassy Here.

Viewed from a Russian standpoint, a summary of the last six months' activities and of the present political situation was given out today at the Russian embassy in a translation of the latest speech of the Russian minister of foreign affairs in the duma.

The cause of the war as Russia sees them, and contends that the fighting was thrust upon Russia and her allies and was but the culmination of a diplomatic campaign.

Tribute is paid to the valiancy of Belgium, "who by her sufferings and great deeds gained for herself immortal glory," and to the "sincere and effective co-operation" of the allies, as follows:

"Our reciprocal war in the domain of politics and war has been broadened in these days by new agreements of a financial and economic character.

Significance of Agreements.

"The significance of these agreements in their bearing upon the successful accomplishment of the difficult tasks before us will, of course, not escape your attention.

"The fully apparent result thereof is that Russia, as well as her allies, organized the matter of their struggle with Germany in accordance with their unalterable resolution to carry it to the finish."

The wedding of Russian and Serbian here, especially, also the cooperation of Montenegro "in the common Slavic cause," the consistent attitude of Greece, "the constant relations with Greece."

Surprise is expressed that non-warring nations have not long since seen a duty to espouse the cause of the allies, and gratitude for services rendered is spoken for Spain, Italy and Sweden.

Troops in Persian Territory.

In defense of sending troops to Persia, the statement says:

"The presence of our troops in Persian territory by no means involves a violation of Persian neutrality. Our detachments were sent to that country some years ago for the definite purpose of establishing and maintaining order in districts contiguous to our possessions, of high economic importance to us; also to prevent the seizure of some of these districts by the Turks, who openly strove to create for the purpose of the Persian government, not having the actual power to maintain its neutrality, met the Turkish violation of the latter with Turkish, which, however, had no results.

Relations With England Reciprocal.

"I must remark with pleasure that our relations with England in the Persian affair, more than at any previous time, rest upon a basis of full mutual confidence and sincere reciprocity.

"The political agreements which we concluded with Japan in 1907 and 1910, and the more recently an especially clear demonstration of their value, and have borne abundant fruit. In the present war Japan is on our side, and our relations are really those of allies."

Francis M. Merriken, seventy-nine years old, said to be the oldest man in Baltimore, died at his home in that city.

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RULES SURGEON YOUNG NOT ENTITLED TO PAY

Controller Says He Has No Right to Resume Duty Status After Four Years' Absence.

"To hold that an officer who has been on leave without pay for his own convenience for nearly four years is entitled on his return to duty to be paid the leave with full pay to which he would have been entitled had he been regularly performing duty would be utterly unreasonable, unfair to the government and contrary to the spirit and purpose of the leave laws."

So epitomizing his views, and making the further observation that cumulative leave is earned by service, the controller of the Treasury, George E. Downey, rules that Surgeon George B. Young of the public health service, on leave without pay for four years, is not entitled to resume his duty status during his application for leave, finally comments Controller Downey.

Leave of Absence Did Not Accrue.

Some of the republican chairmanship assignments are: William Barnes, legislative power; Frederick C. Turner, governor and other state officers, short ballot; Seth Low, cities; Henry L. Stimson, state finances; Louis Marshall, preamble and bill of rights; Charles M. Dow, conservation; Martin Saxe, taxation; and Alan C. Forbes, banking and insurance.

Assignments of Democrats.

Well known democrats in important memberships: Morgan J. O'Brien, conservation and preamble; Robert E. Wagner, judiciary and finance; Albert E. Smith, legislative organization and the national interests; John B. Stanchfield, judiciary and finance; John G. Saxe, suffrage and conservation; Delancey Nicolai, judiciary and finance.

COAST GUARD "TROOPS."

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Controller of the Treasury Rules as to Transportation Privileges.

Officers and enlisted men of the Coast Guard are "troops" within the meaning of the land-grant acts. They are entitled to the benefits of transportation provided for "troops of the United States."

The term "troops" has been held by the accounting officers of the Treasury for a long series of years to comprehend the entire military, including naval, force of the United States, the controller of the Treasury, George E. Downey, comments—that is, the army and navy and all parties connected therewith, including their civilian employees.

"The Coast Guard having been established by Congress as a part of the military forces of the United States," says Controller Downey, "the officers and enlisted men thereof are troops of the United States, and transportation provided for them and for the civilian employees connected therewith over the land-grant roads is therefore subject to the conditions relating to the transportation of troops of the United States."

Court Asked to Advance Cases.

The Supreme Court of the United States has been requested to advance for hearing, probably October 12, cases before the court involving the constitutionality and construction of the federal income tax and the constitutionalality of the Arizona alien labor law.

Foreigners Flock to Panama.

Continued flocking of foreign labor to Panama since the completion of the canal has made restrictive measures necessary, according to advices to the State Department. Immigrants arriving in Panama as third class or deck passengers now are required to deposit \$50 with the government to insure presentation of proofs that they have secured permanent employment.

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WICKERSHAM TO HEAD JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Other Appointments Announced by President Root of New York Constitutional Convention.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 21.—George W. Wickersham, former United States Attorney General, has been named by President Elihu Root as chairman of the judiciary committee of the New York state constitutional convention.

The assignment is the choice of the great number made by the former New York senator at the reconvening of the convention after a recess since April 7.

Edgar T. Brackett of Saratoga was made head of the committee on the legislature and placed second on judiciary.

Republicans, who hold the majority in the convention, were chosen to head all committees, but democrats received good memberships. There are no progressive delegates.

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DENIES INDIAN CANNIBALISM.

Pueblos, Christians for Some 300 Years, School Official Declares.

C. J. Crandall, superintendent of the P. C. D., Indian School, in a report to Indian Commissioner Sells has denied published reports of cannibalism among the Pueblo Indians, and declared these tribesmen were Christians of some 300 years' standing.

"I know these Pueblos as few others do," said the agent. "When any one talks about human sacrifice, the keeping of large snakes in captivity, and the feeding of babies to these snakes, I am sure they are trying to be sensational, or are utterly deceived."

The agent added that Tesque, the village or pueblo referred to in stories of cannibalism, is within ten miles of Santa Fe, and that the eighty-two people there are simple and industrious.

IS NOW QUARANTINE SHIP.

Gunboat Concord, Unit for Active Duty, Is Transferred.

The gunboat Concord, one of the first steel ships of the navy, having outlived her usefulness as a fighting vessel, has been turned over to the Treasury Department for use as a quarantine ship in Puget sound, Washington. The Concord, authorized in 1887, was launched twenty-five years ago, and before the development of cruisers in the navy did most cruiser duty. She lately has been used as a naval militia ship.

The Concord was one of Admiral Dewey's fleet in the battle of Manila bay.

MAX FREDERICK KLEIST IS DENIED HEART BALM

Court Dismisses Suit Against Wife's Parents for \$250,000 Damages on Charge of Alienation.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The two-hundred-and-fifty-thousand-dollar suit brought against Edward N. Bretlung, capitalist, of Marquette, Mich., and his wife by Max Frederick Kleist, their son-in-law, was dismissed yesterday by Federal Judge Hough. Kleist charged his parents-in-law with alienating his wife's affections.

Court Announces Opinion.

In dismissing the suit, after the evidence was all in, Judge Hough read a lengthy opinion, in which he said the parents were in no way obliged to accept the conduct of a son-in-law. The court ruled that Kleist had failed to prove any improper act on the part of the defendants in their treatment of their child. Kleist's attorney announced that he would appeal.

Kleist and Miss Bretlung were married in November, 1913. Prior to his marriage to the capitalist's daughter, Kleist had been a coachman, employed by a neighbor of Mr. Bretlung in Marquette.

"This case presents an opportunity," said Judge Hough, in his opinion dismissing the case, "to put in practice theory of law which will minimize the sordid demands for litigation of this kind. Parents are not responsible for lack of affection, nor are they responsible for an abundance of affection for them which might outweigh the affection the child might have for the spouse."

Not Bound to Approve Marriage.

"No parent is bound, in fear of a suit, to apply for a license, or to allow to close his house to his own child or to admit to that house the consort, male or female, chosen by his child. It is my opinion that the parents in this situation are not subject to criticism by either judge or jury. I fail to see any act done by the defendants injurious to the plaintiff or actuated by any other motive than proper regard for their daughter."

REJECTS OFFICERS' CLAIMS.

Controller Refuses to Pay Certain Expenses of Two Lieutenants.

The efforts of First Lieut. Francis A. Ruggles, U. S. A., to obtain reimbursement from the government in the sum of \$415.32, alleged to be rent paid by him as military attaché of the American legation in Chile for offices for his use in Santiago, has for the third time been denied.

Lieut. Charles W. Early, a naval officer, also has his "good faith" questioned by Controller Downey, making claim for reimbursement for travel from Hampton roads to New York on the coller \$25.72.

"It would appear that Lieut. Early exceeded the choice given him to travel by the U. S. S. Mars to Hampton roads, with the understanding that he would pay his own expenses from there to New York, instead of returning to New York direct by the U. S. S. Celtic," says Controller Downey, rejecting the claim.

Decision Favors Ontario Company.

Litigation between the Stewart Mining Company and the Ontario Mining Company over title to a silver-lead vein in Shoshone county, Idaho, has been decided in favor of the latter. The Ontario Mining Company claimed the vein as the lessee of adjoining property owned by former United States Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr.

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